

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Examiner is requested to reconsider, and on reconsideration to withdraw, the restriction requirement imposed against claims 1-36 in the August 5, 2005 Office Action¹, and to submit all claims 1-36 to examination on the merits.

If any additional issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919)419-9350 to discuss same, in order that the prosecution of this application is expedited.

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¹ If, despite the compelling basis for withdrawal of the restriction requirement, such restriction requirement is nonetheless maintained and made final, applicant affirmatively requests rejoinder of the method claims 33-36 under the applicable rejoinder provisions of MPEP §821.04 upon confirmation of allowable subject matter in the Group I claims 1-36.